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Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-7 are in this application and are presented for the Examiner's consideration in view of the following comments.

At the outset, Applicants' representative respectfully notes that the Examiner refers to 35 U.S.C. §102(e), yet appears to reject the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). It is assumed that the Examiner is rejecting the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Claims 1, 6 and 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0240856 published December 2, 2004 for Yahata et al. (*Yahata*) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,778,759 issued August 17, 2004 to Yamada et al. (*Yamada*).

Yahata describes a structure of a directory recorded to a DVD-RAM. The directory comprises various object files including MPEG transport streams. Further recorded video management information includes transport stream video object information being separately recorded for each transport stream. The video management information includes an original playback path information table and a user-defined playback path information table enabling a user to freely define a particular playback sequence. A cell group indicated by a playback path information table defines a continuous playback sequence.

The Examiner has noted that *Yahata* does not teach the binding of an external data source to a corresponding sub-stream path. The Examiner looks to *Yamada* for this structure as *Yamada* describes a title set constructed of a plurality of titles sharing AV data with each other. But, *Yamada* describes that such a title set is recorded as a video file consisting of video management information and video file data wherein the video file data includes AV data of all scenes constructing the title set and sub-picture data is constructed of a plurality of system streams. Thus, nowhere does *Yamada* show or suggest Applicants' claim requirement of:

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binding at least one data stream originating from an external data source to said basic AV MPEG-2 transport stream.

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully allude that neither *Yahata* nor *Yamada* describe or suggest Applicants' claimed requirement of:

indicating the type of each of said sub stream paths.

Therefore, the combination of *Yahata* and *Yamada* does not yield Applicants' claimed invention.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 6, and 7 are patentable over *Yahata* in view of *Yamada*.

Claims 2-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Yahata* in view of *Yamada* and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0006268 published January 17, 2002 for Chotoku et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons described above with respect to independent claim 1.

As it is believed that all of the objections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Applicants' attorney in order to overcome any additional objections that the Examiner might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 07-0832 therefor.

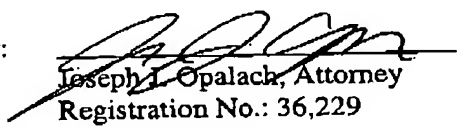
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